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MARSHALL, NC


Stay Cool & Save Energy this Summer


 **Get out of the kitchen.** Whenever possible, don't add heat to your home with the stove or conventional oven.

 **Pull down the shades.** Hot sunlight streaming through windows heats up your home and makes your a/c work harder. Close drapes and shades from mid-morning until sundown.



 **Watch the thermostat.** Set it as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the more energy you can save. When not at home or on vacation, raise the temperature and lower it when you return.


 **Turn on those fans.** A ceiling fan allows you to raise your thermostat setting and still feel comfortable.

 **Take shorter showers.** Long showers not only use more hot water, they add humidity to your home.



 **Wash dishes and clothes at night.**

Help your co-op and yourself save money by using major appliances after dark when there is less demand on the system.

 **Unplug stuff.** Computers, televisions, and other gadgets not only increase your electric bill, they generate heat. Unplug them when not in use.

 **Switch to CFL's.**

Incandescent light bulbs not only waste energy, they generate heat. Keep cooler and save electricity with compact fluorescent bulbs.



Source: Cooperative Living

**FBEMC offices will be closed
Monday September 5th
in honor of**



Manager's Report

Changes to Deposit Amount

Effective September 1, 2011



Jeff Loven

It's now the middle of the summer and we find ourselves wishing for cooler weather and relief from the high heat and humidity. Our air conditioners are running over time to keep our homes comfortable and we have the fans on high. These hot summer days also tend to make our electric bills rise. Even on the hottest days, there are things that can be done to control the amount of energy used. Keeping your thermostat set no lower than 78 degrees, only using fans when you are in the room and keeping doors and windows closed are a few ways to assure you are using energy wisely.

If you are a customer who uses electricity to heat your home in the winter and to cool your home in the summer, you realize that although your summer bill is higher than it was in the spring, it still tends to be lower than the winter months. Many members question how there can be such a large difference.

There are several reasons as to why winter bills are higher. First, when you compare a

summer day here in our area to a winter day, you find that in the summer, between 10pm and 10am the next morning, the air conditioning runs a minimal amount. On the other hand, on a cold winter day with a high around 30, the heat pump rarely cycles off for the entire 24 hour period. Also, when the heat pump needs the assistance of electric strip heat to warm your home, it uses five to six times the energy that it takes to run the compressor and air handler. In the middle of winter, we can get several days in a row where the temperatures do not rise above freezing. During these times, energy consumption adds up quickly, driving your monthly bill higher and higher.

As our life styles continue to change and we add more and more electrical consumption devices in our homes, our energy usage increases. With these increases in bills, we have found that our current deposit structure is simply not effective in meeting its purpose. Currently we charge a \$200 deposit to any member who is

renting or who cannot get a letter of credit. One month's winter-time bill can now easily exceed this amount.

After reviewing our policy and comparing it to the policies of other electric cooperatives in North Carolina, we have modified our policy to more closely mirror what other co-ops are doing and to make sure it is serving its purpose of securing enough money if an account goes default.

Beginning September 1st, French Broad EMC will require a \$500 deposit from any new member applying for service and who cannot provide a good letter of credit. Also, any member who is disconnected for non-payment will be required to pay the total amount past due plus any associated fees as well as the \$500 deposit before the electricity can be turned back on.

Any member that does not wish to pay the deposit can apply for our new Flex Pay program. The Flex Pay program gives members a way to avoid paying the deposit by

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Manager's Report, continued

giving them the ability to pay for the energy they use before they use it, much like we do for most other goods and services we use. When you choose the Flex Pay program, the deposit is waived. For members whose account has been disconnected for non-payment, the deposit and fees are waived and the member can finance a portion of the

past due amount in order to get their service restored quickly with a smaller amount due up front.

We hope this new payment option will help members, who are struggling with high bills, to better manage their usage while giving them an option to keep their service on throughout the year.



The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a **FREE** service to members for advertising non-commercial items. **Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted.** We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space. French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed. Mail ads to Paula Seay, French Broad EMC, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753-0009.

FOR SALE

3BR/2BA 2004 SW Mobile Home, app, 3-ton 13 Seer hp, front/back porch, \$18,500. 649-2417.

Finish Mower, John Deere, 5', \$1,400. 645-4727 or 768-4727.

1987 Crown Victoria XL, 8 cyl, loaded, \$1,400. 682-7950.

Radial Arm Saw, Craftsman, 2.5 RPM, 10" w/ metal stand, \$200. 682-7950.

Juicer, Jack LaLanne, \$75. 689-7207.

1988 Ford Bronco II. 689-2871.

Victoria Secret Items. 649-3334.

1976 Chevette Rally Sport, 2dr, burnt orange, leather, \$2,000. 688-1929.

Scooter, Power Wheel Chair, \$3,000. 765-4296.

2-Bike Hitch Rack, Haul Master, fits trailer hitch receiver, \$45. 682-4343 or 284-8897.

Craftsman 6" Jointer, 36"bed, cast iron w/ port oak stand, \$75. 688-2562 or 385-0396.

Camper Cover, fiberglass, fits Tacoma, S10, Nissan, \$175. 688-2562 or 385-0396.

Riding Lawn Mower, Honda HT3813, 2cyl, \$85 OBO. 682-7145.

Table Saw, \$75. 682-2656.

Entertainment Ctr w/ curio cab, 3 pcs, bone color, glass doors w/ lts, \$300 OBO. 231-3313.

Upright Piano, Everett/Yamaha, 36" tall, fruitwood finish, \$1,500 OBO. 231-3313.

Field & Brush Mower, 26"cut, 15HP, elect start, Kawasaki, \$1,200. 649-2963.

Hay, \$4/bale. 682-7268.

Martin Guitar w/ case & tuner, \$175 OBO. 776-0383.

Tea Pots, \$15-\$20 ea. 776-0383.

1994 Sea Ray Jetboat w/ trailer, rebuilt carb, \$2,000 OBO. 649-1807.

16' Pak Canoe, alum frame w/ ABS shell, fits into backpack, \$400 OBO. 649-1807.

Porch Swing. 941/893-7201.

Dog Ramp for car. 941/893.7201.

2001 RV Trailer, 19.5' Sunline Solaris, upgrades, \$4,750. 919/452-1275.

Canning Jars, quart, \$5/doz.
rjomc1@gmail.com.

Sofa & Chair, tan suede, \$500 OBO. 678-9346.

Horse Carriage, Cut Under Phaeton, \$3,000 OBO. 678-9346.

Quilts, King/Queen. 678-9717.

Trailer, for sale or rent. 658-3098.

Red Oak Lumber, 2000 rough sawn, various widths, air dried. 626-2048 nights.

Oil Heater, gravity fed w/ manual, manual controls, fan, \$50 OBO. 626-2048 nights.

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Wood Cook Stove, 2'x3'x6", Meal Master, w/ top shelves, white, \$600. 688-4486.

Quilt, 79"x64", hand made 1930's, \$175. 678-9126.

Wood Rocker, porch style, XL, dark green, \$45. 678-9126.

3 BR/1 BA on 1.66 level acres, barn, fenced garden, Ledger comm., \$129,000. 688-5930.

Shuffle Board Table, 1960 Bumper, \$400. 682-6560.

Bunnies, \$15 ea. 680-1600 or 301-1113.

Bed Frame, Jenny Lind, \$65. 649-0059.

Playstation I Games, \$5 ea. 649-0059.

1965 Mustang, needs to be restored, \$1,800 OBO. 622-0077.

Curley Willys, \$10/bucket. 658-3368 before 5pm.

Gibson Mandolin, model A, \$900. 649-0320.

Okra. 656-2281.

Potatoes, red & white. 656-2281.

Clothes, men's/ women's/ boys/ girls. 675-4271.

Water Heater, residential, 50gal, AO Smith, adapted for propane, \$125. 337-9320, 337-9322.

Washer/Dryer, Kenmore, dryer adapted for propane, \$125. 337-9320 or 337-9322.

11 Acres mtn land, 2 bldg sites w/ views, elect/ phone within 1000', \$8,500/ac. 656-2161.

Tiller/Cultivator, Mantis, \$200. 689-2079.

Quilting Frame, free standing, \$45. 689-2079.

Camper, Coachman pop-up. 352/697-1276.

Tractor, John Deere 770, \$9,599 OBO. 423/538-8700 or aboxpop@yahoo.com.

2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, 4dr, white, 151k mi, \$2,000. 206-3780.

3 BR/1½ BA house on 1.14 ac, pond, workshop, garage, Buladean, \$145,000. 688-1115.

MagniSite magnifier w/ sliding table and a tv-style monitor, \$950. 659-2490.

5th Wheel Camper, 32', 1995 Vacationer, 12' slide, w/d, 20' awning, \$5,400. 478/387-4730.

1994 Ford Ranger Splash, 5 spd, black, needs some work, \$2,000 OBO. 208-3377.

2001 Honda Sportrax 400 EX, needs some work, \$2,500 OBO. 208-3377.

Cottage on 1 acre, western NC mtns, \$115,700. 656-2324.

Concrete Mixer, tractor mount, 8 cu ft cap, PTO drive shaft, hose incl, \$800 OBO. 649-2320.

Garage Doors, double, best offer. 254-0644 from 9am-4:30pm.

Baby Crib w/ mattress, \$75. 484-9282.

Baby Swing, \$25. 484-9282.

Piano, Conway upright, \$100. 689-4818 or 778-5082.

Step Ladder, 16' Louisville double access, fiberglass, \$450. 683-9610.

Poles, temp underground, \$75 ea. 683-9610.

Western Clothes, for square dance, women's & mens, \$150/all OBO. 649-3736.

0.62 Acre, near Linville Falls, 31' travel trailer, lg deck, under shelter, \$40,000. 423/926-4473.

Sawmill, Hudson 36, extra blades, \$5,000. 649-0483.

Table, 32"x6', w/ 6 chairs, \$1,200. 704/756-7747.

Rocking Chair, hickory, paddle-arm, \$400. 704/756-7747.

Dining Room Set, oak pedestal table w/ 4 chairs, 2 leafs & china cabinet, \$1,200. 682-0616.

Bench Saw, Pro Tech 10", \$75. 645-3173.

Water Heater, electric, 6 gal, Whirlpool, \$75. 645-3173.

Motorcycle Seat for 2004 std GW1800, \$175. 467-0339.

Motorcycle Windshield, std GW1800, \$125. 467-0339.

Bunk Beds, handmade oak w/ built-in desk & drawers, \$1,500. 336/708-1827.

Desks, solid wood. 206-9113.

Chairs, swivel & wing back. 206-9113.

Waterfront Lot, Lake Wateree, SC, \$175,000 OBO. 675-9337.

Bricks, 3500, 20¢ ea/\$700 all. 682-9647.

Whirlpool Tub, 48"x72", 8 jets, bisque, \$1,500. 682-9647.

Great Pyrennes Puppies, 12 wks old, 1st shots & wormed, \$150 ea. 231-8655.

WANTED

Snow Plow for 1989 Ford F-150 4x4. 645-0160.

2-5 Acres bldg site, Mars Hill, Marshall, N. Buncombe area. 689-5807.

Junk Cars, will pay cash. 689-5125.

Ride, will help w/ gas. 649-3334.

Riding Lawn Mowers that no longer work, must be free. 689-9617.

MISCELLANEOUS

20th Class Reunion, Class of 1991, Sept 2011. 553-2135.

Kindermusik, ages 1 -3 1/2 , Fri 10-10:45am, Sept 2-Dec 9 , reg prior to Aug 20. 206-3145.

For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA apt, w/d hook, part furn, Yancey Co, ref, \$500/mo/dep. 689-2348 or 778-1897.

Lawncare services. 768-7355.

Housecleaning, Marshall area. 206-4989.

Farmers & Artisans Market, Sat 9am-1pm, Hwy 213 at MHC. www.marshillmarket.org.

Marshall Island Farmers Market, Sun 12noon-4pm.

For Lease: 2 BR/1 BA apt, no pets/HUD, Burnsville, \$850/mo/dep, util incl. 682-9976.

Home/Farmcare. 689-5807.

For Rent: 2 BR timeshare, sleeps 6, Oct 15-22, near Harrisonburg, VA, \$365. 689-3734.

Housecleaning. 688-3693.

Babysitting, Mars Hill. 680-1600 or 301-1113.

Chair Caning. 689-5125.

Will Haul Trash for scrap metal. 689-3717 or 545-0251.

Will Clear Land. 675-4003.

Will Haul Mulch, dirt, gravel. 675-4003.

Found Beagle, tri-color, Bend of Ivy. 649-3126.

Housecleaning, Marshall, Mars Hill, Weaverville, N Asheville. 689-9095.

Carolina Mountain LitFest, Sept 9 & 10, 9am-9pm, Burnsville. 682-4476.

Cleaning, Madison, Buncombe. 656-2471.

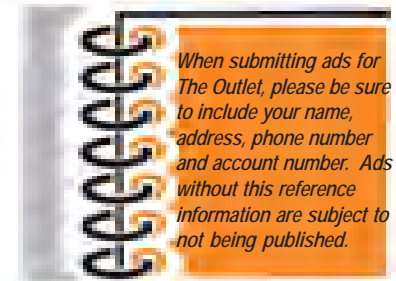
Fencing, splitrail, barbed wire, etc. 284-1232 or 675-4540.

Cabinetry, wood finishing. 675-8001.

Handyman. 423/735-4426 or 242-5972.

Lawn Services. 678-9861.

Will File/Oil power saw chains. 689-9799.



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